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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): SHIMIZU, Masakatsu; KAWANO, Akio; YAMAMOTO, Eiji

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING PRODUCT COST

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty (20) pages
- ☒ Five (5) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority based on Appl. No(s). 2000-192585 filed in Japan on June 27, 2000.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☐ --This nonprovisional application incorporates by reference the subject matter of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, on which a priority claim is based under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a).--
- b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application incorporates by reference the subject matter of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, on which a priority claim is based under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).--
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
- ☒ Please send correspondence to:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O.  
of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.64 will follow.

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